UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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Re: 05-4236 US v. Carlton Keith Roper CR-01-183

05-4246 US v. George Butler CR-00-53

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed is a copy of an order filed today in this case.

Yours truly,

PATRICIA S. CONNOR Clerk

/s/ Lisa D. Nesbitt
By:
Deputy Clerk

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cc: Clerk, U. S. District Court

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No. 05-4236 (CR-01-183)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

CARLTON KEITH ROPER, a/k/a Danny Lewis,

Defendant - Appellee.

No. 05-4246 (CR-00-53)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

GEORGE O'NEIL BUTLER,

Defendant - Appellee.

ORDER

The government has filed a motion to consolidate appeal Nos. 05-4236 and 05-4246. Appellees have filed response to the

motion.

The Court grants the motion to consolidate these appeals for purposes of briefing and oral argument. The consolidation of these appeals is without prejudice to appellees seeking leave to file separate briefs.

For the Court - By Direction /s/ Patricia S. Connor

Clerk

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Re: 05-4246 US v. George Butler CR-00-53

Dear Clerk:

Our records indicate that the transcript was filed in this case on 1/19/05. Please transmit the certificate to this office as soon as possible. If there are problems that will delay transmission of the certificate, please notify me.

Yours truly,

PATRICIA S. CONNOR Clerk

/s/ Lisa D. Nesbitt
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